

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES APRIL 11, 2016

In attendance: John Hall, Cindi Perugini, Ron Krom, Howard Reid, Monica Belyea, Amy Vallincourt, Laura Baum, Karen Mezzaros, Beth Emery, Pam

Minutes of the March 2016 meeting accepted by Monica and Howard.

Tom Quirk from Ridge Road attended the meeting to express his concerns regarding the new construction and the safety of pedestrians on the road. John suggested he attend the Public Works Committee on Wednesday 4/13/16 and address it with the commission.

Action Plan/Calendar of events:

Nothing new to be addressed.

Public Works Commission Meeting Presentation: April 13, 2016:

The committee reviewed and discussed the priority list for the meeting.

John will prepare the revised list and forward to the PW Committee prior to Wednesday evening. The following members are able to attend the meeting: John, Karen, Pam, Beth, Cindi and Monica.

Saybrook Road evaluation update:

John informed the committee he met with Cardinal Engineers, Chris Holden and Tom Nigosanti. Apparently there are numerous issues regarding the construction. The major consensus is the project should be done correctly considering all possibilities such as pedestrian and bicycle traffic, timing of the traffic lights, grade of the roads and vehicle traffic to name a few. The project is a work in progress.

Riverfront Festival: May 7, 2016 12pm - 5pm

Beth will work on the display. Ron, Dave and Kate originally offered to assist.

The following is a list of members who will man the CS booth:

12:00-2:00 Dave/Howard

1:30- 3:30 Cindi/Ron

3:00-5:00 Monica

Karen will update the flyer for the Kid's Safety Day so it is available for the Riverfront Festival.

Kids Safety Day: May 14, 2016 10am-2pm

CS will sponsor the Family Bike Ride with a route similar to last year.

It is imperative for the success of this ride that we market it as much as possible.

Karen volunteered to prepare a FB site for Complete Streets.

Good opportunity to market the ride at the Riverfront Festival on May 7.

John will post the flyer on the Middletown Eye and other social media.

Bike/Walk to School Day:

National Day Bike/Walk to School Day: May 4, 2016

Monica has been in touch with the School Superintendent who reached out to the School Principals. There is a lot of interest in this program. To date no date has been set for the Middletown bike/walk to school day.

Moody and Spencer School Principals are a bit concerned to participate in the program due to safety issues (no sidewalks) in the area of the schools.

Monica stated some parents have assembled a group known as “Voices of Families”, which has taken the Safe Routes to School Program as a project.

Bike/Walk Summit: June 2 and 3 at Central Connecticut State University:

Laura informed the committee on June 2 there will be training in walk audits. It has limited space and you must apply, if anyone is interested let her know. Karen expressed her interest.

National Bike to Work Day: Friday May 20, 2016:

You can register on the bike walk website.

Next meeting May 9, 2016